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We think we have outgrown the simpler things of life, in this day of rush and complexity but have we? A few days ago almost the whole city of Newark was down on its knees asking the life of one of its doctor's who was fighting a death struggle. A thirteenth young man had been rushed to his bedside for transfusion of blood, twenty-one doctors were doing their best and yet this man is not a man with a national reputation. He is Dr. Whitenack, a doctor, who has specialized in the care of infants. Seven thousand little ones in Newark have been brought to health through him, and many of them have been the babies of the poor. He has never refused the call of the little child and a whole city loves him. Altho a Presbyterian, prayers were said for him in a Catholic cathedral and a Jewish synagogue and he is loved because he is a man of sacrificing service. We are accustomed to associating a people moved to prayer with the days of our grandparents, but every once in a while, we find that science has its limits and that help, if it comes at all, must then come from God.

France is proving to be a merciful creditor. That nation doesn't mind if Germany is driven to the position of a fourth-rate power. France is a follower of the Mosaic doctrine of an eye for an eye and Germany started it, back fifty years ago, when Bismark imposed an indemnity on ruined France, which was intended to put France into the discard of nations. But France hasn't any of the bully in its makeup. By splendid thrift and determination, France paid with good coin and paid more quickly than it seems as if a nation could. Now, France having Germany in the same position, will not forfeit its chance to even things up. France cannot forgive and hasn't even begun to think of forgetting the militant Germany, which her own money helped to raise to power. While the rest of the world doesn't think that it is a wise financial policy to ruin Germany beyond recovery, there is still sympathy with the French point of view and, with it, is the knowledge that were Germany the victor, the world would have been bled white and that without mercy. A whining debtor if often the hardest creditor.

Considering this is the time to cast up accounts for the past year, we feel impelled to quote the words of the late Frank Bacon, of "Ligh-tenin'" fame on the value of the common variety of success and its proper place in the scheme of things. Not long before he died, he said:

Naturally, I, for one, believe, it's never too late to succeed. I can't say, though, that I favor late starts. Lord knows I was willing to embrace fame a good many years back. But don't imagine for a second that I am complaining about the late hour of my success. In truth, that which we commonly call success has made not a whit of difference to mother and me. It has brought us nothing we did not have before—that is, nothing that really mattered. You see we had happiness before. We believed in taking our happiness as we went along. When you do that there isn't such thing as failure. We were doing our best, and we were happy. That is all we can expect today. After all, your name in electric and your picture in the paper adds little to the love of life.

The Germans are in a tangle for J. P. Morgan & Co. tells their ambassador that Germany must settle reparations before they can loan them any money. The Morgan company says the American people would not consider buying German bonds and further more the bankers could not recommend such a loan to their customers. And Germany says she can't pay her indemnity bills. A place in the sun and the hot place must be located in the same sport.

Germany's heralded "collapse" and Adelina Patti's historic farewells might be compared.

Just speaking about thirteen, how do you feel about it. It's not so bad for Uncle Sam and maybe it isn't a hoo doo as we have been led to suppose. Postmaster General Work has received from members of the American history class of the Shepherd College State Normal School, of Shepherdstown, West Virginia, the following "thirteen" facts about the United States:

America was discovered on the night of the thirteenth of the month.

The republic originally consisted of thirteen colonies.

The first official flag had thirteen stars and thirteen stripes.

The American Eagle requires thirteen letter to spell it, as does also the motto, "E Pluribus Unum."

The first word to pass over the trans-Atlantic cable was transmitted on the thirteenth of the month.

The silver quarter is written all over with thirteen. Around the head of Liberty are thirteen stars; the eagle bears an olive branch with thirteen leaves in one claw and thirteen thunderbolts in the other. On his breast is a shield bearing thirteen bars and his beak is a ribbon bearing the motto with thirteen letters, each wing has thirteen feathers and it takes thirteen letter to spell quarter dollar.

There are thirteen letter in John Paul Jones' name.

There were thirteen ships in the first American navy.

Perry's victory on Lake Erie was won on the thirteenth of the month.

The stars and stripes were raised over Fort Sumter on the thirteenth of the month.

Gen. Pershing arrived on France in June 13, 1917.

The thirteenth amendment to the constitution freed the slaves.

It would not cost any more to make a thirteen cent stamp than any other one.

The petition to Postmaster General Work also suggests several designs for the stamp, all commemorating the thirteen colonies.

But an honest designer representing the big majority of this same civilized nation would put a black cat or a voo-doo bag on that thirteen-cent stamp.

Mussolini, the Fascisti premier of Italy, is beginning to realize the responsibility of power. He has to rebuild the economic structure of Italy. The lira is worth about only one fourth its normal value and the government is facing a heavy deficit with the balance of trade against Italy. They already have so heavy an excess profit and income taxes that industry is adversely affected. Mussolini proposes to make drastic cuts in the cost of administering the government. He asks the people to put their full energy into industry with the utmost economy on the part of the public in expenditures, especially on unnecessary foreign goods. The administration of the railroads is to be turned back to private hands and certain restrictions on foreigners visiting Italy are to be removed. At this distance, it looks as if the "black shirt" has some rather sensible notions on getting back to normal.

General Pershing says "There is too much of a tendency to tamper with the constitution, too little respect for the authority of this country. The constitution is all right, no need to tamper with it. If those who want to do that will let it alone and live up to it, we will have no more of a lot of trouble that this country is in right now." Military leaders haven't made great successes as executives, for the most part, but General Pershing has the right angle to this constitution tinkering political game.

Thomas A. Edison says there are plenty of ten-thousand dollar jobs for the young men but it's hard work to find that expensive young man. It's just another way of saying that there is never any crowd at the top.

Happy New Year to our friends and readers. We hope before the year is very old that we will be back at the old stand doing business. Someway, we don't feel very much at home anywhere else.

The editor of the Miami Herald says that "we sometimes think that the leader of the concert of nations has lost the key." Surely the orchestration has broken down somewhere.

Turkey will join the League of Nations as soon as peace is signed at Lausanne, so it is said. Another reason why we are glad we are not in it or of it. But then peace may never be signed at Lausanne.

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Dec. 21, 1922.

Dear Opinion Readers:

We are greatly saddened by the death of Mrs. Belcher, last Sunday, in Springfield, Mass. Before her marriage, she was for some years a member of the Opinion force and for many years she has been a close friend of the family. She faced all life's problems from the vantage ground of a true optimist. She cheered and made the way easier by her ready helpfulness for a large circle of friends, happy, resolute, a tireless worker and without malice, she made her house a real home where not only her family was happy and well taken care of but her friends loved to go.

More of the winter residents are getting into town before the holidays and something like a rush is expected as soon as the new year opens. Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Hall and family of Concord, N. H. arrived Friday and are settled in the house next door. They are glad to get out of the storm and cold of the north for the next few months.

News of the floods of India, caused by the overflow of the Ganges, is heralded here as proof of the fact that this is an unusually wet year. It has been thirty years since such a thing has happened in India; but no one has been around these parts that long so this is simply the most water the oldest inhabitants have ever seen. But it is being taken care of in such a way that the next time that the Everglades go on a rampage, there will be nowhere to go except drainage canals.

The Georgeanna Weems of the Baltimore & Carolina Steamship Co., has arrived this week, with almost 1,000 tons of miscellaneous freight in her hold. The cargo consists of forty-five carloads, one of the largest ever brought into this port. The Clyde Line freighter Pawnee is also in with a large freight consignment. All this means that Miami is getting on the map as a port.

All Miami is pleased that E. B. Douglass one of our largest merchants has been appointed a member of the central committee of the American Red Cross. He is a man who has been known here for many years for his business ability and wide charity and he was one of the organizers of the local Red Cross just after the war opened.

Dr. J. G. DuPuis has also had quite an honor conferred on him as he has been made chairman of the board of directors of the national organization of the Dutch Belt Association of America. Dr. DuPuis is the owner of the White Belt Dairy, one of the leading dairies of the city, a dairy which is noted for the high test of its products.

Frank O. Van Deren, who has worked as Carl Fisher's assistant in developing Miami Beach has gone to Hollywood-Bly-The-Sea to assist the president of that company to develop this important property. It is really an addition that is a city in itself and is about eighteen miles north of Miami on the Dixie Highway.

We want to note also that Mrs. B. S. Hooker is a member of the Board of Directors of the Community theatre which is being erected at the Beach and which it is expected will furnish high grade entertainment for the Beach colony.

Coral Gables is booming and with the force of men at work developing the project, each week sees so much accomplished that it is fast becoming finished in parts. This is all the more remarkable when it is remembered that a year ago, it was undeveloped land, like thousands of acres are today, all over Florida.

This is the time of "Openings". The Country Club golf course was opened Wednesday. This is an eighteen hole golf course run by the Royal Palm Hotel. This year it is said that some plan will be entered into by the other tourist hotels so that the links will be open to their guests on the same terms as to the Royal Palm guests.

The Aquarium at the Beach was opened Sunday and it is said to be well stocked with hinds, yellow tail, pork fish, grunts, turgot, amberjack, grouper barracuda, green morays, pink and lavender tinted anemones and other sea curiosities of these parts. A visit to the Aquarium is one of the treats which Miami has in store for her visitors.

We have two draw bridges in the line of our heavy traffic, one on Flagler street and one on Miami Avenue. Raising these draws during the busiest hours ties up traffic unbelievably for it has been shown, by actual count, that 1,000 cars an hour pass over the Flagler street bridge during the rush hours. This means that cars are tied up for blocks when a tug has to go through the draw. It is proposed to close the draw from 7:30 to 9 a. m. and from 5 to 6:30 p. m. This would help out some.

Again they are showing the big fish and The Religious Herald, published in Richmond, Va., is using this big fish to prove the Jonah story, according to Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Guy Livingstone. The newspaper argues that if this Miami monster swam the ocean, it is not too much to believe that such a fish was around in the time of Nineveh and swallowed Jonah. It could swallow him all right. The only weak link in the argument is his return to dry land. According to the record of the Miami fish, swallowing was keeping.

All the railroad ticket offices send in word that they are selling great numbers of tickets for Miami and other Florida points. The ticket selling agents are wondering at the popularity of Miami (but that is because they are not here) and

wondering if the city can take care of the crowd. There is no doubt on this point for during the summer the capacity of Miami was enlarged by three thousand rooms and they are not all filled to be sure. There is no use in urging persons whose duty it is to live somewhere else to come to Miami and that is not our intent at all, but we will say that for those who can come as well as not, there is no place in the world which offers so much in the way of climate and attractive living conditions as Miami and we hope they will get down to see for themselves.

Cordially yours,
H. E. PARKER.

State News.

The state convention of the Parent Teacher association is to be held May 17, but the meeting place has not yet been announced.

Miss Mattie J. Wheeler, aged 71 years and for more than 30 years organist at the Rutland Universalist church, died last week.

John McGill, chief of the St. Johnsbury fire department, in attempting to swing onto the side of the motor truck as it was on its way to a fire, slipped and fell, one wheel of the truck passing over his right leg between the knee and body. He continued to the fire and directed his men but afterwards was taken to the hospital and it is feared his leg is fractured. An X-ray will be used to determine the exact injury.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stanford Morse observed their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 18th at their home in Brattleboro. Mrs. Morse is 75 years old and Mr. Morse is 81. His mother lived to be more than 100 years old, dying Jan. 3, 1917. For 15 years he has been employed by the town of Brattleboro on road construction work.

S. B. Thomas, who died a few days ago at his home in Sheldon at the age of 73 years, was high bailiff for more than 30 years, represented the town in the legislature of 1912 and for several years was overseer of the poor and school director. He was president of the Franklin County Bar association for two years.

Judge W. W. Miles of Barton has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election as one of the justices of the Vermont supreme court at the next legislature. Judge Miles was appointed associate judge by Governor Charles J. Bell in 1905, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Stuart. He is now in his 77th year and has made a most valuable member of the bench during his 17 years of service.

A proposal has been made by Manager Philbrook of Canaan, N. H. of the toll bridge between Barret and Monroe, N. H., that the last mentioned towns purchase the bridge and then make it a free thoroughfare. Mr. Philbrook has made a reasonable price on the property and it is expected the subject will come up in the next legislatures of Vermont and New Hampshire. Such a bill is to be introduced in the Vermont legislature by Representative John Roy of Barret and in the New Hampshire body by Oscar Frasier of Monroe.

It was officially announced Dec. 12 that Gov.-elect Redfield Proctor had appointed ex-Senator John C. Sherburne of Randolph secretary of civil and military affairs. Senator Sherburne, who was a member of the upper branch of the state legislature of 1921, is a prominent lawyer. He was the first Vermonter to receive a Rhodes Scholarship. The official appointment of Wallace M. Fay of Proctor as executive clerk by the governor-elect is also officially announced. Mr. Fay, who is 25 years old, is an employee of the Vermont Marble company. He was a lieutenant in the aviation service during the World war and has been commander of Proctor post, American Legion.

E. B. Webb, deputy collector and inspector at the local customs house since 1917 has been appointed customs agent of the special agency service of the treasury department with headquarters in St. Albans. His duties are to act as special investigator of this district and to report all violations of revenue laws. The good record that Mr. Webb has made while deputy collector, it is said, resulted in his present appointment. He has been especially active in enforcing the prohibition laws. It will be remembered that Mr. Webb figured in the Major Chambers' bribery case and caused the respondent's arrest. Mr. Webb was offered \$1,000 for each car passed containing liquor which the respondent sent through this port. In his new position he will be under the supervision of and take orders from the Boston office of the United States treasury department.

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